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Comments: Our residence loses electrical power due to tree limbs falling on the line 4-5 times per year on average. In 2003 we lost power eight (8) times. Each power loss lasted 5 hours or more. Several outages lasted for 2 to 11 days. For the power distribution company to send me a notice in my monthly bill suggesting that I buy a generator is the ultimate insult. Some way must be found to pay for putting lines underground. The money saved from the emergency repairs over a period of years seems like a reasonable way to pay. All residential subdivisions nowadays have lines underground. So, we know the technical problems are not the barrier. The telephone companies many years ago saw the value in putting their utility lines underground.

Thank you for accepting my comments.

Tom Cole